What is claimed is:

1. A food processing appliance component that comes into contact with food being processed, the component being formed from die cast aluminum, said component comprising: a dense outer surface provided by tumbling the component, and after tumbling the component is coated with the aid of a chemical nickel plating process wherein the chemically applied coating has a thickness exceeding 5 μm.

2. An appliance component according to Claim 1, wherein the tumbling is effected with the aid of ceramic grinding bodies.

3. An appliance component according to Claim 1, wherein the chemically applied coating has a thickness greater than 10 μm.

4. An appliance component according to Claim 1, wherein the chemically applied coating is carried out in accordance with a method designated ENPLATE@.

5. An appliance component according to Claim 1, wherein the component is a cutting disc that includes radially extending knives.

6 An appliance component according to claim 1, wherein the component is a feed housing that includes a feeder plate for feeding ingredients into contact with a cutting element.

7. An appliance component according to claim 1, wherein the component is a knife housing that surrounds a cutting member.

8. An appliance component according to Claim 1, wherein the component is a combination of a cutting disc and a dicing grating that includes vertical knives.

9. A method for minimizing the formation of a black silicon dioxide coating and aluminum component subjected to dishwashing detergents, said method comprising the steps of:

a) tumbling the components to provide thereon a dense outer surface; and

b) plating the tumbled component with a nickel coating having a thickness exceeding 5μm.

10. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the tumbling is effected with the aid of ceramic grinding bodies.

11. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the chemically applied coating has a thickness greater than 10 μm.

12. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the chemically applied coating is carried out in accordance with a method designated ENPLATE@.

13. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the component is a cutting disc that includes radially extending knives.

14. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the component is a feed housing that includes a feeder plate for feeding ingredients into contact with a cutting element.

15. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the component is a knife housing that surrounds a cutting member.

16. A method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the component is a combination of a cutting disc and a dicing grating that includes vertical knives.